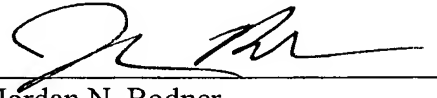


REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 23-28 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notification of the same is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone call would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jordan N. Bodner', is written over a horizontal line.

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